

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address multiple impairments in the Roanoke River Basin and its tributaries above Smith Mountain Lake. The affected streams were identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of Virginia's water quality standards for fecal coliform bacteria and the general standard (biological impairment). The streams not supporting the Primary Contact Recreation (swimmable) Designated Use include: Ore Branch (L04R-3.9 miles), Wilson Creek (L02R - 5 miles), Roanoke River (L04R-11.72 miles), Roanoke River (L12L - 378 acres). The Aquatic Life Use Support (biological impairment) is located on a 11.72 mile section of the Roanoke River in Roanoke City. Impairments are located in Montgomery County, Roanoke County, Bedford County, Franklin County, Salem City, and Roanoke City. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The first Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting for the Roanoke River Basin TMDL will be held on **Thursday, October 7, 2004, 3:00 p.m.** in the conference room of the VDEQ West Central Regional Office located at 3019 Peters Creek Road in Roanoke, Virginia.

The first public meeting on the development of the Roanoke River Basin TMDL will be held on **Thursday, October 7, 2004, 7:00 p.m.** in the conference room of the VDEQ West Central Regional Office located at 3019 Peters Creek Road in Roanoke, Virginia. The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on November 7, 2004. A fact sheet on the development of the Roanoke River TMDL is available upon request.

Questions or information requests should be addressed to Jason Hill. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Jason R. Hill, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, Virginia, 24019, telephone (540)-562-6724, fax (540)-562-6860, or e-mail jrhil@deq.virginia.gov.